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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 20, 1998

APPLICATION OF

ACI CORP.-VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980045

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

FINAL ORDER

On March 26, 1998, ACI Corp.-Virginia ("ACI-VA" or "Applicant") completed its application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

By Order dated April 2, 1998, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to ACI-VA's application. On May 1, 1998, the Staff filed its report finding that ACI-VA's application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules for Local Exchange Telephone Competition, as adopted in Case No. PUC950018, and the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange

Carriers, as amended in Case No. PUC850035. Based upon its review of ACI-VA's application, the Staff has recommended that the Commission grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services to ACI-VA as well as a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services containing the following condition: that customer deposits collected by the Applicant be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

A hearing was conducted on May 14, 1998. ACI-VA filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the April 2, 1998 Order. At the hearing, the proof of notice, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application and the Staff report, the Commission finds that ACI-VA's application should be granted subject to the condition referenced above. Having considered § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission also finds that ACI-VA may price its interexchange services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) ACI Corp.-Virginia is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-52A, to provide interexchange service subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of

Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) ACI Corp.-Virginia is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-412, to provide local exchange telecommunications service subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules for Local Exchange Telephone Competition, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) ACI-VA shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) Should ACI-VA collect customer deposits for local exchange services, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account held by a third party, to hold such funds, and shall notify the Commission Staff of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines necessary.

(5) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, ACI-VA may price its interexchange services competitively.

(6) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.